

Ephraim Sayre House
Ridgedale Avenue
Madison, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Estate of Joseph M. Sayre

Date of Erection: About 1745

Architect:

Builder: Daniel Sayre

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers,
wood shingles

Historical Data:

This house was built about 1745 by Daniel Sayre in what was then known as Bottle Hill. It was the homestead of his son Deacon Ephraim Sayre during the Revolution.

General Anthony Wayne made his headquarters in the Sayre House at the time his troops were encamped in Loantaka Valley. He used the front room

in the north corner for his office. His body guard was stationed in the kitchen near the main house.

Reverend James Caldwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, preached in Bottle Hill and on these occasions he used the south front room of the Sayre House. Caldwell was a chaplain in the Continental Army and acted as Deputy Quartermaster General to the army encamped at Morristown.

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